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Chesapeake Man Sentenced for Distributing Drugs Resulting in Death

(Norfolk, VA) – Terry Lee Tetterton, age 43, of Chesapeake, Virginia, was sentenced today to 262 months in prison, followed by five years of supervised release, for distributing a controlled substance with death resulting from the use of the controlled substance. Chuck Rosenberg, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Virginia, made the announcement after sentencing by United States District Judge Walter D. Kelley Jr. Tetterton pled guilty on October 2, 2006.

According to court documents, a search for narcotics was conducted at Tetterton's home in Chesapeake on February 24 ~~25~~, 2006. During the search, the body of ~~Jennifer~~ **Jenifer** Patterson, of Virginia Beach, was found. Patterson had died of acute cocaine poisoning. Tetterton admitted that Patterson had taken cocaine which he provided. Law enforcement also received information that Tetterton planned to dispose of her body in a nearby swamp.

This case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration in Norfolk and the Chesapeake Police Department. The case is being prosecuted jointly by Assistant United States Attorney Kevin M. Comstock of the United States Attorney's Office and by Special Assistant United States Attorney Damien J. Hansen of the Chesapeake Commonwealth Attorney's Office. Commonwealth Attorney Nancy Parr and her office provided invaluable assistance in the prosecution of this case.

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